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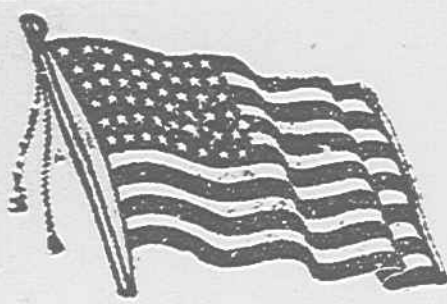
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30, 1918.



## LOCAL COUNCILS OF DEFENSE.

TONIGHT in three towns of the county, Fairview, Grant Town and Monongah, mass meetings will be held under the auspices of the local Defense committees. Judging merely by the speakers assigned to attend these meetings to represent the County Council of Defense, and without knowing anything about the arrangements made by the committees on the ground, it is our opinion that these meetings will be important enough and interesting enough to warrant considerable effort to attend them.

Men and women in the towns and district who make it a point to display public spirit especially should endeavor to get out to these initial gatherings, for as the war continues and the pressure upon the public increases much will be expected of the subsidiary bodies of the county defense councils. They will be depended upon to bring the whole people into line with that shoulder to shoulder touch which means as much to a movement in civil life and in business as it does in an army.

The first step in securing maximum effect in a movement like that is to get acquainted. By that we do not mean get acquainted in the ordinary meaning of the term. It is probable that practically all the people who turn out to the three meetings tonight will know each other in the conventional way. What they ought to do now is to find out all about how the great war is touching each one of them, so that when the time comes for action there will be something to guide the members of the local committees in the division of the tasks so that they will fall into the hands of those who are best fitted for them.

If advantage is taken of the opportunity afforded by these first meetings to do that the districts will soon be in position to take up the problems that will be passed on from time to time. We must all help in this war work; most of us are anxious to help, but not all of us know how. It is in developing how and in connecting the men and women with the job that the local councils of defense will be able to perform their most important service.

## MIXED IDEAS.

JUDGING by what has occurred at Helsinki for this week the Bolsheviks believe in self definition, and all the other familiar patter, for everybody except the Finns. Just why they should be willing to coerce the people of this progressive and, comparatively speaking, enlightened country, perfectly able to take care of itself in a governmental way, into remaining a part of Russia while they give up Coerland and the Baltic provinces is difficult to understand. Perhaps if the truth were known they do not know themselves.

That they eventually will give up the territory to which Germany has laid claim seems certain at this time. The preposterous legislative branches of the impossible government which holds the reins in Petrograd adopt resolutions in which they deplore the imperialistic tenor of the German peace terms, but they send Trotsky back to Brest-Litovsk with instructions to continue the negotiations. There can be but one meaning to that kind of action.

What posterity is going to say about this of course it is impossible to say. However, Old Ben Franklin, who knew a thing or two about humankind, discovered that the people of foreign nations are a kind of contemporaneous posterity. And on that basis the gentlemen of the Bolsheviks

are going to be dealt with pretty roughly, for while it is policy for spokesmen like President Wilson to deal with them most gently and considerately, the world, including Germany, believes they are a shoddy lot who have sold out for a cheap price.

Their orators like to compare their present condition with that of the French during their hour of mortal agony, but there is nothing on which to base such a claim. They are willing to pay any price for a peace because they think it will put an end to the famine and give them opportunity to exploit the country. The French fought all Europe to a standstill while they were settling their domestic problems. The French, however, already were a nation and thought in national terms. Backward Russia has not yet arrived at that point.

## COMING INTO ITS OWN.

THERE is every indication that the old Monongahela will really come into its own as a freight carrier during the open season which soon will be upon us. Pittsburgh dispatches of yesterday say that steel mills along the river, which have been suffering because of fuel shortage, were prepared to rush a large fleet of barges to the mines along the stream and all winter operators whose mines skirt the river have been making preparations to take advantage of this outlet. Some of the mines that will ship by water this year are located as far north as this county.

It was for this that the river was slackwatered, but it was a long time in coming. Now that it probably will begin in real earnest this year a rapid development of the movement may be looked for. In time the river is going to be one of the best business producers Marion county and Fairmont have. Being head of navigation on one of the most important coal carrying streams in the country will mean much more than a line in the gazetteer. It will mean better freight service on the railroads, more trade for local retail stores and larger deposits in local banks.

The Times this morning in a leader which manifestly is intended to be a hint to other Democratic newspapers of the state says that "it will be the policy of the paper, so far as is practicable, to take no part as between Democrats in the primary." That is the correct attitude for all newspapers. It is the attitude The West Virginian took two years ago when the primary law went into effect, and at the time we were almost alone among the papers of West Virginia in realizing that it is the only stand a journal which expects to support the ticket effectively and honestly can take. The theory behind the state wide primary is that the voters have a right to choose the men they want to vote for at the general election, and while it is proper for the party newspapers to keep them informed about the progress of the primary campaign, and even to discuss the relative merits of the candidates in a temperate way, it is grossly improper for them to take a stand one way or the other.

The most interesting thing that developed in the hearings of the Senate investigation of the conduct of the war yesterday was the statement by Provost Marshal General Crowder that a new drawing to establish the order of liability for service is being devised and when it is put into effect the men will be called up in Class One, from which the new levies will be drawn, according to the new order numbers. This is an eminently fair arrangement in view of the fact that the classification of the registrants has thrown thousands of Class One men forward from the position they were given in the original drawing. By putting all the Class One men in a pot and making a new drawing all will be given an equal chance again. Whatever the shortcomings of the War department, the spirit with which it has carried out the provisions of the Selective draft act has been beyond criticism.

Yesterday new and important gains by the Italians on the Asiago plateau were reported, and it is evident that some shifting of the Austro-German force is going on there. Is this a sign that the German high command has given up hope of doing any more damage in Italy and is withdrawing men for the much advertised coming drive on the West front?

The Germans continue to raid London by air. They seem bent upon goading the British into stopping important work in order to make reprisals. It is true that each of these raids is followed by a great demand that the government do something in the way of squaring the account, but in the main the official temper has been maintained. In due time, however, something probably will be done, and when it is it will be with characteristic John Bull thoroughness.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY

Now if some of those Congressmen who held up the war supplies could have died of pneumonia, instead of Maj. Gardner, the mourning would have been profuse.—Clarksburg Exponent.

That a man does his best is not a good reason for keeping him in a position in which better ability is greatly needed.—Uniontown Evening Genius.

With meatless, wheatless, heatless, boozeless, workless, storeless and wash womanless days; lightless nights; an almost doctorless city and many waterless homes, some of our citizens are a trifle disposed to look upon these days as cheerless. How thankful!—Connellsville Courier.

Those war cabinet advocates at Washington apparently want what they want when they want it.—Wheeling News.

isaid to be very good.

Better bet: good home talent minstrel shows is this town's long suit.

Perfect Sunday school attendance during a winter like this one really deserves handsome recognition.

And there wasn't any Christmas treats this time to keep the 100 per centers up to the mark.

This is tag-the-shovel day.

But judging from the condition of the sidewalks there are not many shovels in this burg.

Have you kicked in for a Smilage book yet.

Better be quick about it.

This opportunity to do the right thing will not last forever.

Colfax Woman Falls on the Ice.

Slipping on the ice, Mrs. George W. Barnes of near Colfax fell in the back yard at her home on Tuesday morning and broke an arm. Dr. Will Boyers is the attending physician.

Just about two weeks ago Mrs. Barnes' mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Gallahue of near Colfax, slipped and fell

on the ice and broke her leg. She is well advanced in years and her condition has been rather serious since the accident occurred.



## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT RUE

(BY CONDO)



## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—The many friends here, as in West Virginia, of Col. John T. McGraw, of Grant, are sorry to learn of the operation performed on him in a Baltimore hospital, which was the removal of his right eye. This was the second operation, the first having been resorted to in an effort to save the eye, which was unsuccessful. A growth on the eye, which had been rapidly getting worse, was the cause of the operation.

Louis Wilson Jefferson, of Elm Grove, has been recommended for appointment to the Naval Academy by Congressman Neely. The alternate recommended for appointment for him are three young men of New Cumberland: Frank Rowland Campbell, James Preston Luke and Fred Brandley Fisher.

An original pension claim, presented at the Pension Bureau last month by Senator Sutherland, in behalf of Hugh Collins, of Walker's, has been allowed at the rate of \$17 a month dating from September, 1916. Senator Sutherland has up with the department now an application of Mrs. Grace M. Denn, widow of Baldwin, Kas., who is a sister of A. J. Marple, of Lawrence, W. Va.

A. C. Huges, of Wheeling; Roscoe C. Millins, of Clay, and Wm. P. Taylor, of Martinsburg, were recent visitors at Senator Sutherland's offices.

Among Congressman Reed's callers were Felix Sutton and A. F. Rexroad, of Clarksburg; and Lieut. Frank Huggill, a former resident of the same city, who is in the city on a leave from Camp Pike, Ark., to visit his father, Edward Huggill. Mr. Rexroad came here to enlist in the aviation section of the signal corps, and is being helped along through the preliminary stages to admission to a training school by Mr. Reed.

The House has passed the following special pension bills by Congressman Neely: John Hadlett, of Wheeling, \$30 a month; Jeremiah Bogard, of Martinsburg, \$36; Daniel Cunningham, of Mannington, \$40, and Samuel Mickey, of Cameron, \$36.

West Virginia has been asked to furnish 5,327 for work in shipyards. That is her quota of the 250,000 men that the Department of Commerce is seeking to enroll in a nation-wide campaign. There is some kind of a job for every man who is able and willing to work.

John L. Steel, who was for twelve years private secretary to Hon. Nathan Bay Scott when the latter was ably representing the interests of the people of West Virginia in the upper branch of Congress, is located in St. Louis, where he is prospering in the auto-truck business. An army of West Virginians will have a friendly memory of John Steel when they read this, for he was widely and favorably known throughout the state, his native state, by the way.

Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, says that the growth of the moonshine industry is alarming, and he is going to start at once to combat the illicit booze business. Prohibition states are the worst offenders, the Commissioner says. Tol. Hiteshew, the directing genius of one of Parkersburg's largest banks, says quite enigmatically, "I have never seen a town yet that was as wet as it is when it is dry." With Marietta, O., only twelve miles away, Parkersburg doesn't suffer with the dust, that's certain.

Noblesse oblige—among West Virginia Congressmen—Major Neely has a bit of House patronage; the appointment of a page—which he has a boy coming here from West Virginia on February 15 to fill. Mr. Woodard requested the "loan" of it till that date.

In several bad bruises. She was given medical attention and is reported doing very well.

Smilage Committee Meets.  
The committee for the sale of Smilage books met yesterday afternoon to arrange for the drive which is to begin today. Their materials supply had become exhausted, a new supply having been received.

Return to Camp Lee.  
Privates Blaine Hall and Wesley Scatterfield who have been here spending a five day furlough with their parents, returned last evening to Camp Lee, Va.

Gees to Hospital.  
Mrs. James J. Allen was taken to Wheeling yesterday where she will enter the Ohio Valley General hospital for treatment, having been ill for several days past. She was accompanied by Miss Lucy Prichard and her husband, Mr. Allen.

Theatre Flooded.  
A section of the roof of the Burt theatre collapsed Monday afternoon, letting down a vast quantity of snow and ice. Considerable damage was done to the fixtures, but the theatre is able to run on scheduled time, owing to diligent work on the part of the management.

Badly Injured Coasting.  
The eleven year old son of Ernest C. Morgan was quite seriously injured while coasting on Washington street Monday. The shoulder bone was broken and it is feared he has suffered internal injuries.

Mr. Matthews Better.  
M. J. Matthews who has been seriously ill at his home in Locust street for several weeks past, is improving.

Mrs. Furbee Injured.  
Mrs. Sarah Furbee fell on the ice near her home in Furbee avenue yesterday receiving a bad injury of the knee.

## Personals.

Mrs. Fred A. Rymer and Mrs. John Kuhn have returned from a visit with friends in Wheeling.

Miss Trixie Bell, of Fairmont, was the guest of Mrs. O. E. Murray in Marshall street yesterday.

Roy H. Stewart was a business visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

James Cannon has returned from Wheeling where he had been employed for some time and will accept a position in Fairmont.

F. M. Kellar, a prominent citizen of Harpersburg, was in the city yesterday.

William Cunningham, of Fairmont, was in the city on business yesterday.

Mrs. Edward Walters and child have returned from Martin's Ferry, Ohio, after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Groves.

F. L. Stratton, of Fairmont, was here on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Trimble have gone to Pricetown for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brumage.

Miss Mae Evans, teacher in the local schools, attended the play in Fairmont Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles L. Warden, of Fairmont, and daughter, Mrs. Herschel Winters, of Clarion, Pa., are guests of relatives here.

George Louisenslager is a business visitor in Fairmont today.

A. G. Parker and O. C. Porter, of Salem, were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Laura Loudenslager has gone to Cameron for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Della Jolliffe, who is ill.

M. E. Dolan, of Parkersburg, was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Nay, of Wheeling, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. F. Hamilton, in Main street.

## Returned to Camp Lee

Sergeant Fred Heintzelman and Private Martin Kileen who were here on furlough from Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., returned last night to the camp.

## "I DON'T CARE" IS SUSPECTS CRED



LINDA JOSE

Chicago officials give this as the creed of Linda Jose, Youngstown, a girl whom they arrested because she carried a satchel of dynamite. Believed intended for pro-German plotters.

"I do not believe in God, government or laws."

"I do not believe in the ceremony of marriage."

"I do not believe in war."

"I do not care who wins the present war."

"I do not care what they do with me."

That's what she said when she quizzed her, the officials say.

In the girl's effects were found the name of an I. W. W. leader who is now in jail.

## George Bothwell Dies at Lowesville

George Bothwell, aged fifty years, died at his home at Lowesville, Monongalia county, last evening of heart trouble. Mr. Bothwell was a member of an Odd Fellow Lodge in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. His wife, who was Miss Lillie Hood, daughter of John Hood, of Lowesville, before marriage, survives as do three children. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon. Burial will take place in Mt. Hood cemetery, Monongalia county. Undertaker R. C. Jones has charge of the funeral arrangements.

## Finger Nail Treatment

Th weekly neatly trimming of the nails with a good pair of scissors. The smoothing of the rough edges with an emery board. The cleaning and polishing with nail enamel, and the little buffer with which to finish the treatment. A nice little manicure set is a good thing to have. Polished finger nails indicate good character. Full line of "Cutex" Manicure goods.

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## MANNINGTON

Death of Prominent Man.  
Henderson T. Robey, a prominent citizen of this district, died at eleven o'clock yesterday. Mrs. Claude B. Bartlett, his widow, was in the city at the time he died. He had been ill for several days, up to which time he had enjoyed fairly good health. Mr. Robey was eighty-four years of age, was born on Tebeah near here, living there all his life with the exception of the past two years, during which time he had made his home with Mrs. Bartlett. The time of the funeral which will be in charge of the Furbee company has not yet been announced, though interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Enterprise.

Wife of Soldier Visits.  
Mrs. Nell Phillips is here from Washington, D. C., for a visit with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ison Phillips, of Burtown. Mr. Phillips is in the U. S. army service, stationed on the Atlantic coast.

Falls on Ice.  
Mrs. Joseph Davis, of Center street, had the misfortune to fall on the icy sidewalk in front of the Bon Ton store in Buffalo street yesterday, resulting

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